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- 1. REFTELCON INQUIRED ABOUT FLORESCENE OF RHODAMINE B AS DETERMINED DURING RECENT GOM FIELD TESTS.
- 2. EMBASSY HAS COPY OF A SPANISH-LANGUAGE REPORT PRE-PARED BY AVIATION ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, AND DATED 12 JULY 1978. SECTION FOUR OF THE REPORT, ENTITILED "LABORATORY TESTS", HAS A PARAGRAPH WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) "LA SIGUIENTE PRUEBA ERA DE DETERMINAR LA FLORESCENCIA DE CADA COLORANTE QUIMICO. ESTE SE LOGRO USANDO LAMPARAS ULTRAVIOLETA (LUCES NEGRAS). TODOS LOS COLORANTES PROBADOS FALLARON EN FLORESCENCIA EXCEPTO RHODAMINA B. ES ALTAMENTA FLORESCENTE, EXCEPTO DESPUES DE LAVARLO, EN CUYO CASE SE DECOLARA:.

 (B) FREE TRANSLATION OF ABOVE: "THE NEXT TEST WAS TO DETERMINE THE FLORESCENCE OF EACH CHEMICAL COLORANT. THIS WAS DONE USING ULTRAVIOLET LAMPS (BLACK LIGHT). ALL THE COLORANTS TESTED FAILED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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FLORESCENCE EXCEPT RHODAMINE B. IT IS HIGHLY FLORESCENT, EXCEPT AFTER WASHING IT IN WHICH CASE IT FADES." LUCEY

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